

Groves. The fourth participant in the conference was not James Riddle Hoffa. He was in jail. His place was taken by Mrs. James Riddle Hoffa.

Hoffa's Teamsters apparently get as far to the wrong side of the law as their boss did. A Chicago official of Local 777, Giuseppe (Joey Glimco) Glielmi, siphoned nearly \$328,000 in dues money back to taxicab company owners. Joseph Pecora, of Newark's Local 863, long-time sidekick of mobster Abner (Longie) Zwillman, was indicted in 1971 on eighteen counts of embezzlement. Mike Singer, of Los Angeles' Local 626, offered some five million silver dollars for sale at \$1.50 each but kept them in a Swiss vault. This didn't prevent the IRS from filing a whopping tax lien on the profits of the sale.

In the opinion of some observers, Hoffa was perhaps the top go-between that linked organized crime with trade unionism and those politicians whose careers depend on contributions of money and votes.

It is interesting, in a melancholy way, to note that of the three major targets of Attorney General Kennedy only one, Giancana, remains at a distance, in self-imposed Argentinian exile.

Carlos Marcello freely roams his New Orleans turf despite a variety of indictments hanging over him and rumors of complicity in a plot to assassinate Robert F. Kennedy.

And James Riddle Hoffa, with two-thirds of his sentence yet to be served, was pardoned for Christmas 1971 by President Richard M. Nixon. A few weeks after being returned to society, Hoffa was interviewed on network television and asked to comment on the upcoming 1972 presidential election.

"I would say," he stated, "President Nixon is

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